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Applicant: Shi-You Ding, et al. Examiner: Unknown  
Serial No.: 09/917,378 Group Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: July 28, 2001 Docket No.: NREL 01-35  
Title: THERMAL TOLERANT MANNANASE CELLULASE FROM  
ACIDOTHERMUS CELLULOLYTICUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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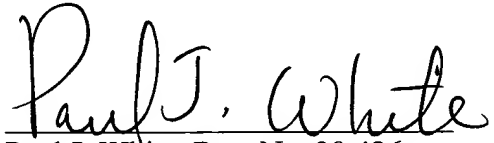
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Respectfully submitted,

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- (1) Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) [2 pages]
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